AL-V-B-060 Moss Cottage Rt. 36, southwest of Mt. Savage ca. 1860

Moss Cottage was probably constructed in the middle of the 19th century by the Consolidation Coal Company. Given its substantial size (the house contains twelve rooms and six fireplaces) it was probably used as a dwelling house by one of the company executives. Walls in the building range from 22" to 26" thick. Architecturally, the house is a very simple example of a rural Italinate building.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME				
HISTORIC				
Moss (Cottage			
AND/OR COMMON				
2 LOCATION				
STREET & NUMBER				
Rt. 36	6			
CITY, TOWN			CONGRESSIONAL DISTR	HCT
Mt. Sa	avage <u>x</u>	VICINITY OF	Sixth	
STATE			COUNTY	
<u> </u>	and		Allegany	
3 CLASSIFICA	ATION			
CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRES	ENT USE
DISTRICT	PUBLIC	XOCCUPIED	AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM
X_BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	_UNOCCUPIED	COMMERCIAL	PARK
STRUCTURE	ВОТН	_WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONAL	X_PRIVATE RESIDEN
SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	ENTERTAINMENT	RELIGIOUS
OBJECT	IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	GOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC
	BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	INDUSTRIAL	_TRANSPORTATION
		NO	MILITARY	OTHER
NAME Thomas	: W. Lewis and Sue Dil	lon Lewis	Telephone #: 26	4-3435
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CONDITION

CHECK ONE

CHECK ONE

 \underline{X}_{GOOD}

__FAIR

__DETERIORATED
__RUINS
__UNEXPOSED

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X_ORIGINAL SITE
__MOVED DATE_____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Moss Cottsge is located on the west side of Rt. 36, southwest of Mt. Savage in Allegany County.

Moss Cottage is a large two story, three bay wide rectangular stone building with a one story addition which abuts the main block on the southeast side. Stones in the house are laid in a random rubble pattern with quoins on both the main block and the addition. The entire structure rests on a low stone foundation. The roof is qabled with a wide soffit and is covered with replaced asphalt shingles. Windows in the structure are double hung, pegged, wooden sash frames with a combination of six-over-six and four-over-four lights. A small semicircular—arched six light window is located in the northeast gable end while a plain six light sash is located in the southwest gable end. In addition, two small square six light windows are located in the gable end of the addition. The main entrance is located on the northeast facade and is surrounded by a twenty two inch reveal. The door itself has been altered; it originally featured a door with six verticle panels. Three brick chimneys are located in the interior of the main block while a fourth is located at the gable end of the small addition.

The interior of the building has been altered somewhat, however it retains much of its original fabric and appearance. The house contains twelve rooms. The main block is divided by a central hall which transverses the entire building. A central stairway rises from the main hall and features an open stair with two flights and one landing. Window and door trim on the interior of the building is plain. Three fireplaces are located on the first floor; in addition, a fourth fireplace is located in the small wing, which houses the kitchen. A number of the floors have been replaced, however the original random width boards are visable in several of the bedrooms.

Moss Cottage is in good condition and is one of a number of stone farmhouses located in the Mt. Savage area.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	_OTHER (SPECIFY)
1700-1799 X_1800-1899	ART COMMERCE	ENGINEERING EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	MUSIC PHILOSOPHY	THEATERTRANSPORTATION
1600-1699	_XARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
400-1499 1500-1599	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORICAGRICULTURE	CONSERVATIONECONOMICS	LAW LITERATURE	SCIENCE SCULPTURE
REHISTORIC	_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Moss Cottage was probably constructed in the middle of the nineteenth century by the Consolidation Coal Company. $^{\rm l}$ Given its substantial size the building was probably used as a dwelling house by one of the company executives. Local legend has it that the stones used in the construction of the house were hauled from Garrett County. $^{\rm 2}$

Architecturally, the house is a very simple example of the rural Italianate style. In fact, the facade is devoid of ornament with the exception of a small arched window located in the northeast gable end.

^{1.} Allegany County Land Records.

^{2.} Interview with present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lewis, 5/16/77

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MAJOR HIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Interview with present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lewis, 5/16/77

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STATE	COUNTY

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DOE __yes __no

1. Nam	le (indicate p	oreferred name)		
historic	Moss Cottage			
and/or common				
2. Loca	ation			
street & number	Rt. 36		-	not for publication
city, town	Mt. Savage	_X_ vicinity of	congressional district	Sixth
state	Maryland	county	Allegany	
3. Clas	sification			
Category district _X building(s) structure site object	Ownership public _X_ private both Public Acquisition in process being considered not_applicable	Status X occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible X yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park _X_ private residence religious scientific transportation other:
4. Own	er of Prope	erty (give names a	nd mailing addresse	s of <u>all</u> owners)
name	Thomas W. Lew	is and Sue Dillon	Lewis	
street & number	Rt. 1 Box 22			o.: 264-3435
city, town	Mt. Savage	state	and zip code Maryl	
5. Loca	ation of Leg	gal Description		.dnd 21343
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city, town	C	umberland	state	Maryland
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Moss Cottage is located on the west side of Rt. 36, southwest of Mt. Savage in Allegany County.

The Moss Cottage is a large two story stone house with an original $1\frac{1}{2}$ story stone wing. The house is oriented in a north-south axis parallel to the road. It is four bays by three bays in size and is unusual in that the north gable wall is the principal facade; with a full Georgian plan oriented longitudinally.

The north gable wall is symmetrically arranged, with the principal entrance in the center bay flanked by a single 6/9 window on each side. Three 6/6 windows are ranged across the second story and a single segmentally arched six-light window is centered in the upper gable. The front door is a six-panel door with plain recessed panels set in chamfered stiles and rails. The top two panels have been replaced with glass. The door soffit and jambs are paneled with plain recessed panels. The stonework is uncoursed fieldstone with raised joints. The gable eaves oversail and are boxed in.

On the east facade of the main house, facing the road, there are four 6/6 windows on the first story and three symmetrically placed 6/6 windows on the second story. The stonework and oversailing eaves match the front (north) facade. Large stones are used as lintels for the first floor openings but not the second story openings. The stonework is continuous across the junction between the main house and the wing.

The west facade is nearly symmetrical, with four bays on both the first and second stories, except that there is no opening in the south bay of the first story. The two north windows on the first story and all four windows on the second story are fitted with 6/6 sash. The southernmost window on the first story has replaced paired casement sash. The stonework and cornice match the east facade.

The original wing projects from the east portion of the south gable wall. There is a rear door in the center bay of the south gable, with one window opening to the left (west). There are 6/6 windows in the center and west bays of the second story and a plain six-light casement window in the upper gable. The first floor window has been fitted with double 6-light casements.

The east wall of the wing is set flush with the east facade of the main house. There are three openings in this wall. A 6/6 window in the north bay matches the windows of the main house, while the center and south windows are paired six-light casements and are set about $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet higher in the wall, reflecting the change in floor level in the kitchen. The stonework and eave treatment matches the main house.

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8. Significance

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Moss Cottage is a relatively large and carefully built example of stone construction with an unusual plan and a number of fine details. The single most significant feature of the house is the plan, which consists of a full Georgian plan oriented longitudinally to the roof ridge so that the north gable wall is the principal facade. This is the only recorded example of this plan type in the George's reek Valley and is extremely unusual throughout Maryland. The second floor repeats this plan in a modified form to accommodate a secondary hall leading to the original wing and to an enclosed attic stair. Significant details of the house include the subtle quoining in the exterior masonry, the cast-iron hearths, and a carefully maintained iron heater made in Baltimore.

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Field Notebook MD-7; Recorded Nov. 11, 1982.

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The only openings in the south gable wall of the wing are a pair of 3/3 windows flanking the flush brick chimney in the upper gable.

On the west wall of the wing, there is a door in the center bay flanked by a single casement window in each side. The stonework on this facade matches the main house but utilizes noticeably smaller stones.

The interior of the Moss Cottage consists of a full Georgian plan but is unusual in that the center passage runs longitudinally through the house parallel to the ridge of the roof. There were originally two rooms on each side of the passage but the southwest room has been partitioned to form two modern bathrooms. The stair rises against the west wall of the passage to an intermediate landing at the south end of the passage, then turns 180 degrees and rises to the second floor. It is an open-string stair with a turned walnut newel post, a simple walnut rail and round tapered balusters. The stair treads and risers are outlined with a plain band of flat trim; the carriage piece is otherwise undecorated.

The northeast room is heated by a fireplace centered on the passage partition wall. This fireplace is fitted with an extremely fine cast iron gas heater. This heater is similar in form and appearance to a Latrobe stove, and is marked:

Bibb & Co Diamond Gas Burner Bibb & Co Baltimore Patent

It rests on what appears to be a sand-cast iron hearth. A curvilinear marbleized mantel shelf above the gas burner is supported on decorative iron Victorian brackets.

A blocked fireplace is located in the same position of the southeast room. A door in the rear or south wall of this room leads to the wing.

In the northwest room, the fireplace was located on the interior partition wall shared with the southwest room. The fireplaces in these two rooms have been blocked, but a cast-iron hearth survives in the northwest room.

The southwest room, as noted, has been converted into two modern bathrooms.

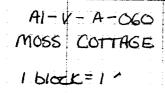
All of the windows on the first floor are set in splayed openings that extend all the way to the floor. The architrave trim on both the windows and doors consists of a beaded fascia with a narrow Victorian ogee backband. The four-panel interior doors have flattened ogee panel molds and are mounted on plain butt hinges.

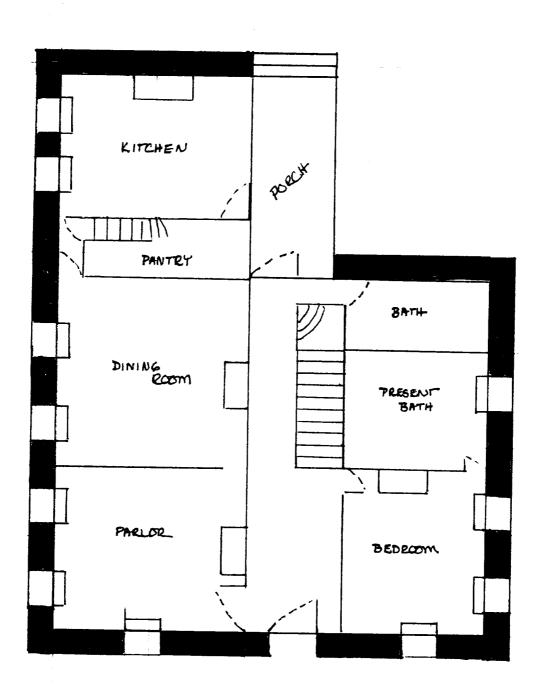
On the second floor, there are two chambers to the west of the stair passage, an original small unheated chamber at the north end of the passage, and two chambers, an attic stair and a secondary passage to the wing on the east side.

Evidently the two west rooms and the northeast chamber were originally heated, but all fireplaces have been blocked. The splayed window openings and architrave trim match the first floor. The interior doors are relatively plain, with four recessed panels lacking panel molds.

The attic stair is enclosed with vertical beaded boards and rises in a straight run to the attic, which is floored but otherwise unfinished. The roof is constructed of vertically sawn common rafters butted against a heavy ridge beam at the peak and reinforced with 2 by 6 inch collar beams halfdovetailed into the rafters and nailed with machine nails. The present asphault shingle roofing replaces a tin roof. The three interior chimneys are of brick.

The first floor of the wing is divided into two rooms, with a large kitchen to the south and a small pantry to the north. A large rebuilt fireplace is centered on the south wall of the kitchen and an enclosed stair is located against the north wall. The windows in the wing are set in plain openings that do not extend to the floor; the trim is plain. The second floor of the wing consists of a narrow passage for the stair across the north and a finished chamber to the south.





TITLE SEARCH

Moss Cottage Rt. 36 AL-V-A-060

Allegany County Deed: Liber 220, Folio 427

Grantee: Thomas W. Lewis and Sue Dillon Lewis Date: May 18, 1948

Grantor: George P. Davis Consideration: \$15,000.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 203, Folio 301

Grantee: George P. Davis Date: March 24, 1945 Grantor: Howard L. Huff Consideration: \$6,000.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 199, Folio 265

Grantee: Howard L. Huff Date: April 25, 1944

Grantor: Louis Arthur Cecil Consideration: \$3.500.00

Allegany County Will: Liber M, Folio 353

Grantee: Louis Arthur Cecil Date: Aug. 9, 1921

Grantor: David L. Cecil

Allegany County Deed: Liber 39, Folio 134 Grantee: James B. Thomas Date: July 7, 1873

Grantor: Edward H. Arnold for George Leonard Consideration: \$400.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 27, Folio 468 Grantee: Edward Arnold Date: Jan. 28, 1868

Grantor: George E. Leonard

Allegany County Deed: Liber 26, Folio 540

Grantee: Edward H. Arnold in Trust Date: Sept. 19, 1867

Grantor: George E. Leonard Consideration: \$1.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 24, Folio 419

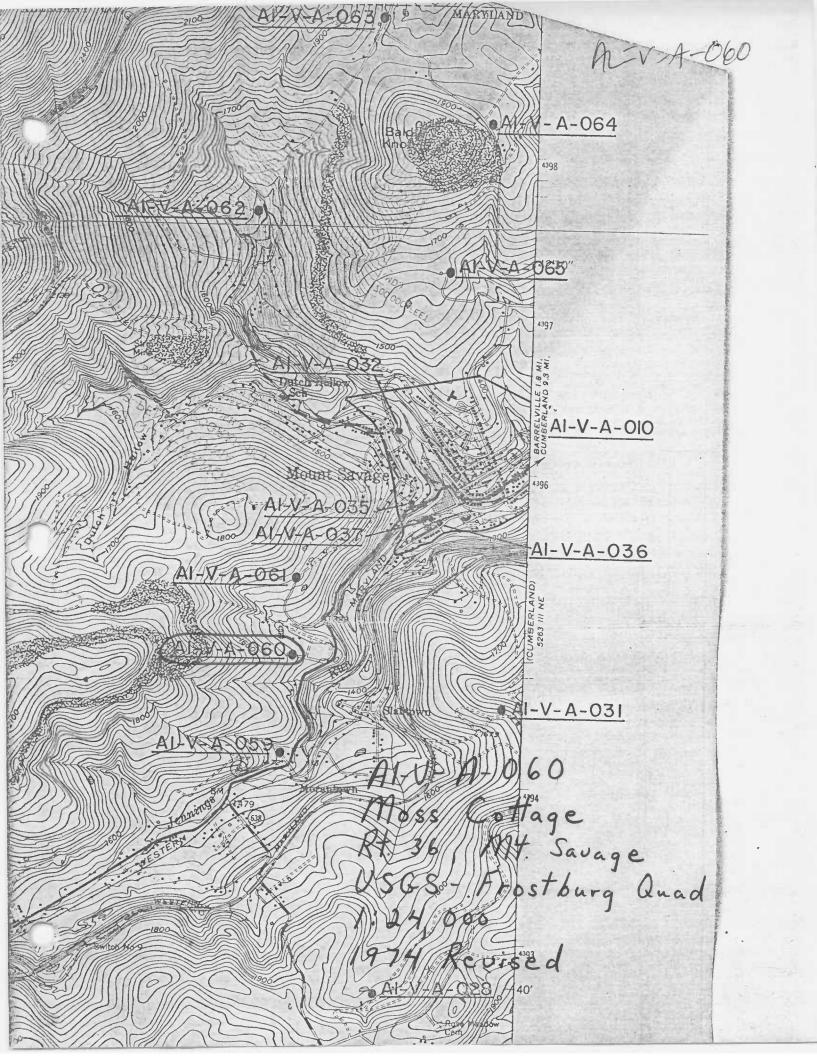
Grantee: George E. Leonard Date: May 15, 1866

Grantor: Consolidation Coal Company

INVENTORY NO: AL-V-A-060	DATE: <u>5/16/77</u>
REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor	220/427 25.20 Acres
NAME OF PROPERTY: Moss Cottage	
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Rt. 36	
DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Northeast	
NAME OF OWNER: Thomas W. Lewis and Sue Dil	llon Lewis 264-3435
ADDRESS: Rt. 1 Box 22	
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STORIES: 1() 2(X) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1()	2() 3(χ) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()
WINGS, ADDITIONS: Stone addition	22" to 26" thick walls
DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)	3 fireplaces down 2 fireplaces up
WALL CONSTRUCTION:	12 rooms
 () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood s () BRICK: Bond type – common, English, Flemish. (X) STONE: Bond type – <u>rubble</u>, ashlar (random or () LOG () OTHER: Coverings 	Sketch variants.
WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others	
FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone	
WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick	0.0/0() athor(w)
WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: $1/1() 2/2() 6/6(\chi) 9/6()$ pegged() nailed() wide()	narrow() mitred() pediment()
ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Northeast HARDWARE: original(X) replaced() FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLA Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards	
CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, <u>soffit</u> , bed) original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, or	dentils, frieze, architrave
ROOF: <u>Gable front</u> , Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, <u>MATERIAL</u> : wood shingles, slate, tin, <u>asphalt</u> ;	Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # original() replaced(x)
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()	
CHIMNEYS: Number: 3 Brick(%) Stone() Corbeled Location: Flush end() Inside end() Ou	d() original() replaced() utside end() Central() Interior(
ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental	l, Semicircular
COMMENTS:	
USE: Residence SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1855 CONDITION: Good	Stones hawled from Garrett County

INTERIOR

FLOOR PLAN:
 () CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side () SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep () IRREGULAR
STAIRWAYS:
<pre>() ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing (X) OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings () DOG-LEG (X) DOG-LEG with WINDERS Back stairs () SPIRAL (X) ROUNDED () SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS</pre>
WALL FINISH:
<pre>(X) PLASTER (X) PANELED: original; replaced () BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot</pre>
FIREPLACES:
NUMBER 6 LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonary, marble
DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush HARDWARE: original; replaced
DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:
 (X) PLAIN () ARCHITRAVE () SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS () FLUTED () FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS () ARCHED OPENINGS: eliptical, tudor
NOTES:
Original Deed- Consol. Coal Co. to George E. Leonard Liber 24 Folio 419 5/15/1866





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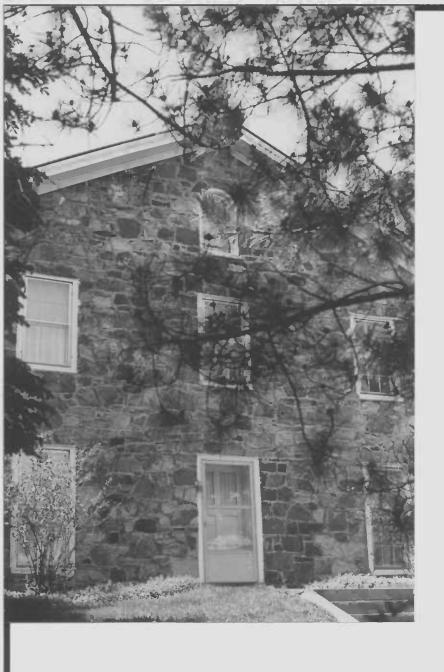
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FIGURE 13